Statement

No. of Job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges, classified by Educational level.

Educational level	No. in thousand at the end of 31st December		
	1993	1994	1995
1. 10th Class passed	13608.1	13566.5	13947.1
2. 10+2 passed	5619.9	5793.1	6104.4
3. Graduates (including Post-graduates)	3958.3	4215.2	4322.6
(i) Arts	1613.4	1692.1	1763.4
(ii) Science	776.3	800.0	801.8
(iii) Commerce	672.6	698.4	703.5
(iv) Engineering	152.0	158.5	168.1
(v) Medicine	31.9	30.6	31.5
(vi) Veterinary	3.5	4.0	4.3
(vii) Agriculture	33.5	33.2	36.3
(viii) Law	14.0	14.5	14.9
(ix) Education	558.5	615.1	608.0
(x) Others	102.5	168.9	190.9
4. Diploma Holder	430.6	401.8	421.0
Total : (1+2+3+4)	23616.8	23976.6	24795.0

Figures may not tally due to rounding off.

ESI Hospitals at Sas-Nagar

1317. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as reported in the Tribune of November 23, 1998, the ESI referral hospital at Sas-Nagar near Chandigarh is myth for a hospital, with most of the equipments either lying idle or conspicious by their absence;

(b) if so, how far this report represents a true picture of the affairs at this and other ESI hospitals all over the country; and

(c) what steps have since been taken to upgrade the functioning of this and other ESI hospitals to serve the suffering workers and their families?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the responsibility for administration of medical care vests in the State Governments/UT Administrations except in Delhi and NOIDA where it is being administered by the ESIC direct. There have been sporadic complaints about lack of medical and para-medical staff, shortage of drugs/dressings, lack of equipments etc. in ESI hospitals/dispensaries. Such complaints as and when received, are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for taking

appropriate remedial action. As regards the ESI hospital at Sas-Nagar, Punjab, the State Government has reported that some of the equipments which were earlier out of order are under repair. However, sufficient medicines have already been supplied to ESI hospitals/ dispensaries in Punjab. Recently, an action Plan to strengthen health cover under the ESI Scheme has been formulated and forwarded to the State Governments including the Government of Punjab for implementation in consultation with the ESI Corporation. The Action Plan includes inter-alia provision of modern equipment system, establishment of regional trauma centres, establishment of super-speciality services, blood banks, preventive oncology, cancer treatment centres, development of indigenous system of medicines etc. An amount of Rs. 13.45 Crore has already been Sanctioned by the ESIC to various State Governments in this regard.

मजदूरी का भुगतान न किया जाना

1318. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को जानकारी है कि देश में बहुत से ऐसे सार्वजनिक उपक्रम हैं जिनमें कर्मचारियों को उनकी मजदूरी का भुगतान नहीं किया जा रहा है यद्यपि इस संबंध में वित्तीय एवं औद्योगिक पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड की सिफारिश प्राप्त हो गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार संबंधित मजदूरों को उनकी मजदूरी शीघ्र देने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाने जा रही है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

श्रम मंत्री (डा० सत्यनारायण जटिया): (क) और (ख) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के कुछ रुग्ण उपक्रमों (औद्योगिक वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड को संदर्भित किए गए सहित) द्वारा मजदूरी का भुगतान शेष है। केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रमों के प्रशासनिक प्रभार वाले कुछ मंत्रालयों से प्राप्त अनंतिम सूचनानुसार सितम्बर, 1998 को समाप्त तिमाही के अंत तक मजदूरी और वेतन के मद में कुल बकाया देया राशि लगभग 1 अरब रुपए थी।

(ग) और (घ) रुग्ण तथा स्वस्थ हो रहे सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रमों के कर्मचारियों को मुख्यतः वेतन और मजदूरी के भुगतान के लिए सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उद्यमों को गैर-योजना ऋण हेतु सरकार ने 1999-2000 के केन्द्रीय बजट में 1,735 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान किया है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Fixation of Minimum Wages

1319. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minster has sent a letter to all the State Governments to fix the lowest minimum wage at Rs. 10/- per day;

(b) if so, whether all the States have implemented the direction of Prime Minister;

(c) the names of the States where minimum wages are lower than the rates desired by Prime Minister; and

(d) whether all the minium wage rates notified for different industries in States are linked with Consumer Price Index; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, some of them are already paying Rs. 40/- per day as National Floor Level Minimum Wages and others have initiated action to revise floor level minimum wages. A statement showing minimum rates of wages in existence in States/Union Territory Administrations is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) 18 States have linked the minimum rates of wages with Consumer Price Index.